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Manzanar - Site under

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(2 days in Oct.)

Cash value of Manzanar to Inyo related by Merritt

Project Director Owens Valley Japanese Center (also Benson Saks, project atty) present

topic: Manzanar, War asset for Inyo county

$900,000 new money a year comes into the Inyo-Mono area as direct result of Manzanar (Direct purchases locally, percentage of payrolls spent locally, money spent by visitors and officials coming here

Manzanar facts in sheet form distributed:

305 acres (375 by Jan 1,44) utilized for farming, including 22 miles of lined irrigation ditches

Investment of $3,167,000 entire plant

Sewage disposal plant one of most modern in nation cost 147,000

Steam plant, hospital, laundry unit of best U.S. Army standard

Cost per day per person in Sept.43 $ 1.07 (Includes all food, shelter, heat, lights, salaries) hospitalization, education) This cost is decreasing monthly.

This year center's farms produced 1800 tons of vegetables at ave cost of $25 per ton. (Wholesale market would be ~~71~~ $61 per ton. Wholesale value of this year's production $110,000 31 kinds of vegetables

The industrial unit the past year has produced clothing, furniture, prepared foods, in addition to vegetable storage and operation of dehydration plant. Production includes 25 tons of vegetables dehydrated, 54 tons of vegetables pickled, and 386 tons of vegetables stored for winter use. During the past 12 months this unit produced goods costing $75,501. Those goods if purchased on the wholesale market would have cost $166,276

Out of 4343 employable persons now at Manzanar, 4007 are employed. They are oaud~~k2~~, $12.00 per month for unskilled work ~~and~~-, 16.00 for skilled work and 19.00 for professional and administrative work.

An average of 26,000 meals are served each day, using 34 kitchens. Cost of feeding varies from a low of 26 cents per day to a high of 34 cents per day per person through the various months of the year. Foodstuffs are rationed on the same basis as the independent housewife's food is rationed.

There are 1195 students enrolled in the elementary school
970 " " " " high "
1005 " adult ~~education~~-classes

Education standards meet the highest requirements of the California State Department of Education and the University of California. English and Americanization classes are the most popular in the adult program.

Present population ~~8649~~ 8469 15 births in Sept. and no deaths

Administrative staff 158 (25 are residents of Inyo or Mono

Manzanar.

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Mar 6, 42 Lt. Gen. DeWitt orders Japanese resettlement camp for Manzanar

13 1st 25 blocks set up at Japanese relocation center

20 1st evacuees expect at M Monday (Mar 23:) Bishop Cr road closed to public

27 M is mushroom city as Japanese arrive / boom town conditions hit valley.

Ap 3 More families arrive in Manzanar Post office opens

10 Inyo State guard mustered out by Gov Olson / Supervisors ask Federal control over Manzanar - request sent to DeWitt

17 600 buildings completed

Independence Jan 8-43 (cont)

ap 24 Grayside plants set out / 3000 LA evacuees expected / DeWitt visits /

may 15 Center placed under WRA / new camp manager elected

22 Roy L Nash named director of M. camp / WRA policies announced

June 5 Manzanar school problems aired; county burden discussed / 15 arrested in poker game at M.

12 WRA director pledges cooperation with county

19 Outline Manzanar school plans with 75 Teachers, 2500 students. Work began on 38 new buildings.

26 new m.p. battalion sent to guard Manzanar

July 10 Boundaries extended

24 Manzanar builds its own schools

31 Industrial plans announced for Manzanar Center

? Inyos ask LA be made defense area

Sept 18 (? Sheriff's office organizes posse for county protection / State guard unit to patrol Inyo-Mono defense site.) Manzanar project director to leave Oct 1 for new job.

25 1000 m laborers to leave to serve Interment camp Owens beet crop

Harvey Coverly assumes directors position at M camp

2nd

Oct 9 State guard air unit gets approval to set up base at Manzanar air port
Nall WRA director visits valley and Manzanar camp

Nov 27 Merrill named project director at Manzanar Center

Dec 4 Gen. DeWitt announces liquor restrictions for this area

Dec 11 Quiet restored at M following weekend riots; camp under martial law; segregation of undesirables begun. ? Leaves in county given warning ? County protection matters handled by board.

18 Water and Power commissioners ask removal of alien Japanese at Manzanar

25 Supervisors ask DeWitt for more protection for Dys & Bishop council asks Army control at Manzanar.